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Since 1955
Senate District - 11 **TFRW Region V**

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Joyce Bell, Newsletter Editor
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Galveston Republican Women
Message from the President
July 2025

Searching for Backbones!

We've been whipsawed way too long!

Trump and his Cabinet are standing up! Firm and Articulate! Little is left to misinterpretation or misunderstanding. Karoline Leavitt's cordial and clear manner in her Press Briefings; the way she navigates the room, moving through the information and reporters is a site to enjoy! Catch her Weekly MAGA Minute each Friday.

States and communities need to follow the lead being set by our President. Galveston has an opportunity to have a conservative mayor and city council. We must know if they will stand for our conservative values. We must examine each candidate and potential candidate and support the most qualified. We must also be sure every possible elected position is covered with competent Conservative candidates for our March primary and upcoming City and County elections. Stay active and informed.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming Galveston Republican Women events.

July 31……GRW Summer Social, MUD 12 Building, see invitation on page 3

September 17…..Luncheon, San Luis

October 15……Luncheon, San Luis

November 19……Luncheon, San Luis

December 17……Luncheon, San Luis

Sylvia Horne
President
Galveston Republican Women PAC

Please be aware scam emails continues to be sent to our membership under the president's name. Make sure any email you receive from me is actually from me. Verify the URL address and do not do anything in the way of sending gift cards or money until you talk with a GRW officer or board member you know.

July

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Volunteer Hours
Hours Due Now
(April, May, June)
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GALVESTON REPUBLICAN WOMEN POLITICAL AND CAMPAIGN VOLUNTEER HOURS RESULTS 2024 GOAL – 8,000 2024 ACTUAL 9781

GOAL FOR 2025: 20,000 HOURS

YEAR	2022	2023	2024	2025
1ST Quarter	2415	1582	2277	2692
2nd Quarter	2216	1196	1711	2928
3rd Quarter	2039	1557	2737	
4th Quarter	2466	666	3056	
TOTAL	9136	5001	9781	

SUBMIT hours to Irene Henry
Email: irenem.henry@sbcglobal.net or
Phone/Text: 281.844.0598 OR
GRW WEBSITE: SELECT
"Volunteer Hours" from the menu bar

Treasurer's Report

Tina Kirbie, Treasurer

Cash Balance Ending
May 31, 2025
$26,328.00

SUMMERTIME and THE LIVIN' IS Easy

Join

Galveston Republican Women

for

Summer Social

Thursday, July 31st

6pm-9pm

*doors open at 5:30 pm

@MUD 12 Building

2929 Hwy 6, Bayou Vista, TX

$25/pp

RSVP by 7/28 to Joyce Sears:

jsears389@gmail.com #281-229-8412

Music

Hot Dogs, Chips
Watermelon,
Lemonade
Beer, Wine
and more...

GALVESTON Republican Women ESTABLISHED 1955

Door Prize

Texas Legislative Report
July 2025

Vice President Jan Broussard

Now that the 89th Legislative session has adjourned, it is time for the special sessions to begin. And not to disappoint, Governor Abbott has called a special session on July 21 to address those bills he vetoed that "need further consideration".

Some of the vetoed bills that will to be readdressed in the special session include SB 3 which would have banned the manufacture, sale, and possession of hemp-derived products. The bill would have allowed the sale of products that contained CBD or CBG but with a 21 year old restriction. Also packing/advertising adjustments and sell locations would have been restricted.

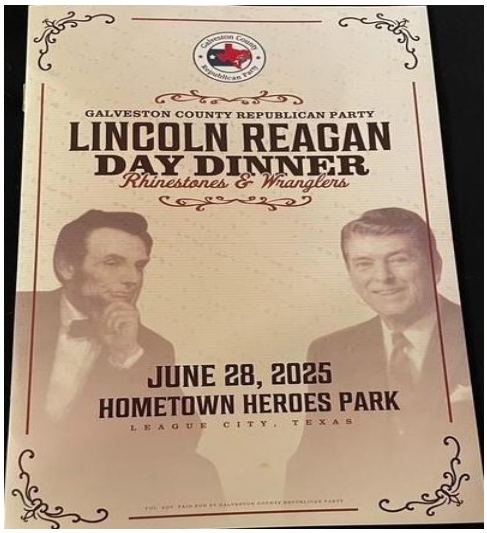
Governor Abbott has been encouraged by GOP legislatures to include legislation to protect minors from explicit sexually oriented materials from public libraries. Such a measure authored by Rep Daniel Alders passed the House but died in the Senate.

Specifically, under consideration to address in the Special Session is

- SB1758 - Bureau of Economic Geology at The University of Texas at Austin to conduct a study that would analyze the vibrational impact of aggregate operations on semiconductor manufacturing in Grayson County. The bill would prohibit the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality from issuing, renewing, or amending permits for cement production facilities within 10 miles of a semiconductor wafer manufacturing facility in Grayson County until September 1, 2031.
- SB 1253 - Fees charged to builders and developers for certain water conservation and reuse projects.
- SB1278 - General defenses to criminal responsibility by including the affirmative defense if an actor engaged in the conduct because the actor was coerced, acting under duress, or reasonably feared harm as a result of being a victim of trafficking, compelling prostitution, or certain offenses of family violence.
- SB2878 - Create new judicial districts in: Brazoria County, the 490th Judicial District to be created on September 1, 2025, and the 491st Judicial District created on September 1, 2026; Fort Bend County, the 501st and 502nd Judicial Districts to be created September 1, 2025; pus other districts.
- SB648 - recording requirements for certain instruments concerning real property.

Governor Abbott stated in his announcement to call for a Special Session that during the regular 89th session, he signed 1,155 Bills, and vetoed 26 Bills.

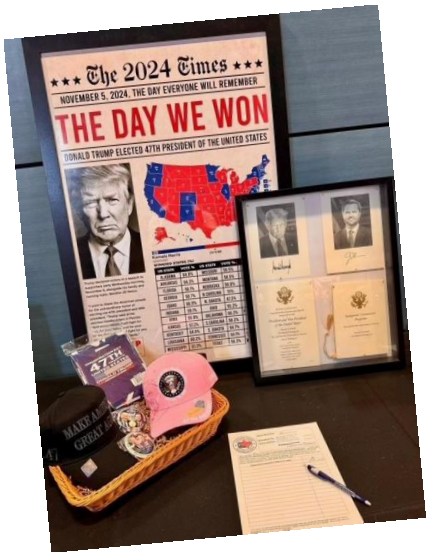
Galveston County Republican Party
Lincoln Reagan Day Dinner
Hosted by Clear Creek Republican Women



Dr. Armstrong acknowledging GRW 70th Anniversary

Galveston Republican Women's Table

Galveston County Republican Party
Lincoln Reagan Day Dinner



Larry Taylor

Randy Weber Wesley Hunt Pete Sessions Dr. Armstrong

Brie Little Marcy Hanson

Betty Henry Brenda Weber Marie Robb

Juneteenth Gala at Ashton Villa

2328 Broadway St, Galveston, TX
77550-4642
June 12, 2025

Doug Matthews
Welcome

Dr. Greg Bonnen
Texas House Representative

Betty Henry
Galveston Republican women

Beverly Davis

Anne and Tom Thompson

Terri Leo Wilson

Terry Card

Irene Renate Harry Marcy Carol Betty Mosette Joyce
Galveston Republican women

Juneteenth Gala at Ashton Villa continued

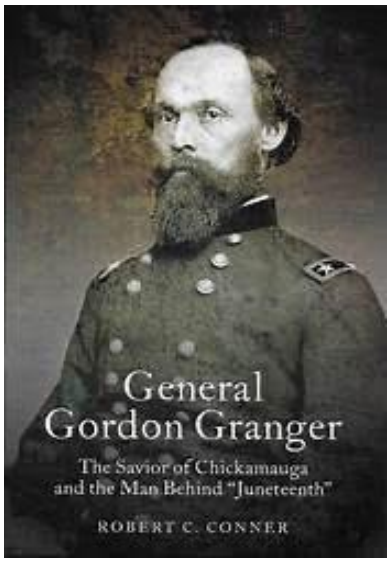
Carol Jean Mulrain Jennifer Ott Betty Henry

Herb and Levy Walpole Good Friends Marcy Hansen

Mayor Craig and Angela Brown Angela's sister and husband

Chris and Marie Robb Terri Leo Wilson Alex Porretto

Beautiful Ashton Villa



GALVESTON REPUBLICAN WOMEN

70th Anniversary Celebration

Thursday, May 29, 2025

San Luis Hotel – GRAND BALLROOM
5222 Seawall Blvd., Galveston

Members in attendance

Brenda and Randy Weber with Donald and Melanie

Thursday, May 29, 2025 70th Anniversary Continued....

Resistration

Roxanne Lewis from
Clear Creek Republican Women

Cyndy Butcher from
Greg Bonnen's office

Brie Little from
Mayes Middleton's Office

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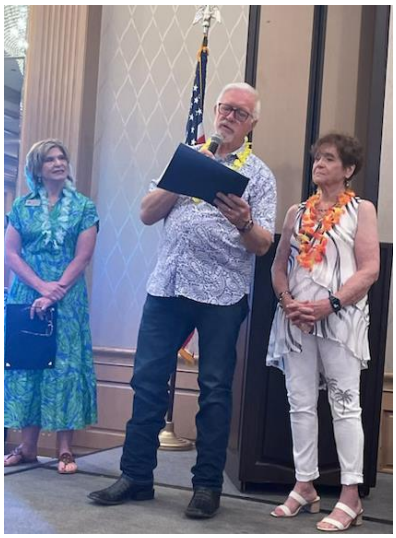

Randy Weber presenting a Congressional Certificate commemorating GRW'S 70th Anniversary

Gina Spagnola
CEO, Galveston
Chamber of Commerce

Bret Milutin
Executive Deputy
Port Director

Marie Robb
Mayor Pro-tem
Dist. 6 Council woman

Auctioneers
Kerry Foley Tim Cromie

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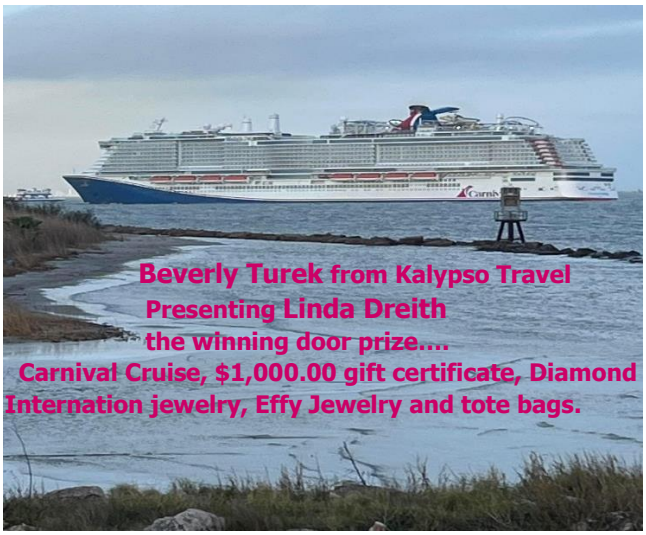

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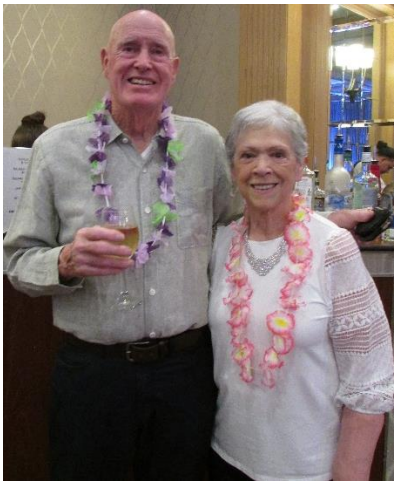

Rebecca Jimerson

GALVESTON REPUBLICAN WOMEN

May Meeting Minutes from the
70th Anniversary Celebration and Fundraiser
Thursday, May 29, 2025

San Luis Hotel – GRAND BALLROOM
5222 Seawall Blvd., Galveston

President, Sylvia Horne called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM and welcomed everyone

Sylvia asked Chaplain Marcy Hanson to lead us in the opening prayer.

Sylvia asked Alex Porretto to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and to the State of Texas.

Announcements from the Podium:

1. Sylvia asked Roxann Lewis to come to the podium. Sylvia asked all the former Presidents to stand. Roxann congratulated us on being the oldest club of 70 years which coincides with the 70th year anniversary of the Texas Federation of Republican Women. She presented us with a Certificate commemorating the occasion.

2. Sylvia asked Cyndy Butcher, representing Dr. Greg Bonnen, to come to the podium. She also presented us with a Certificate commemorating the occasion.

3. Sylvia asked Congressman Randy Weber, to come to the podium. He said that the check was in the mail and stated that was a great event and presented us with a Congressional Certificate commemorating the occasion.

4. Sylvia asked Brie Little, representing the office of Mayes Middleton, to come to the podium. She also presented us with a Certificate commemorating the occasion.

5. Sylvia asked Maggie Albrecht, representing the office of Terri Leo Wilson, to come to the podium. She also presented us with a Certificate commemorating the occasion.

6. Sylvia asked anyone who had a Certificate of Recognition to approach the podium.

PROGRAM: Brenda Weber introduced the panelists:

Gina Spagnola President and CEO of the Galveston Chamber of Commerce and recently was nominated as the Galveston Citizen of the Year.

Brett B. Milutin, Executive Deputy Port Director.

Marie Robb, Galveston Mayor Pro-tem and District 6 Council Woman

TOPIC: The importance of the cruise industry in Galveston.
The port is celebrating its 200th year anniversary. In September of 2000, Carnival Cruise Line began with ships accommodating 1,500 to 1,600 passengers. Today most of the ships in port accommodate 6,500 passengers. The City of Galveston owns the port property; however, the port itself is a separate entity. Galveston does receive compensation in various areas: sales tax, hot tax and percentage of parking but not property tax. Galveston is a prime location because: 2 airports, several highways and it is closest to the open waterways where gambling and drinking can commence (in the 60's the Texas Rangers confiscated the slot machines).

Merchants and hoteliers benefit from not only the passengers exploring Galveston; but also, from the crew who come ashore. For many years, the Port of Galveston was operating by a deficit. Today it is an economic driver. Many of the cruise lines are investing in property around the port. The City of Galveston is working closely with the Department of Transportation which dredges the port to accommodate the larger ships and in turn renourishes the beaches with the sand it dredges. The Port of Galveston is soon to be the 3rd largest port.

Sylvia recognized the elected officials.

Sylvia gave a brief history of the Republican Party: in 1955 the only red county was Cameron County. In 2024, out of all the 254 counties in Texas, all but 12 are red.

Sylvia asked Terri Foley and Tim Cromie, the auctioneers to begin the live auction:

Framed Momus Poster sold for $150.00; Coach purse sold for $400.00; stun gun sold for $375.00; tabletop art piece sold for $350.00; and a stay at the San Luise Condo sold for $800.00.

Beverly Turek with Kalypso Travel assisted by Emery Sell (Jennifer Ott's daughter) and Avery Russell (Rebecca Milo's daughter) gave the winning door prize of $1,000.00 gift certificate on Carnival Cruise Line, 2 tote bags, jewelry from and Diamond International and Effy Jewelers to Linda Dreith who had the winning ticket.

Sylvia introduced Rebecca Jimerson who sang "God Bless America".

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectively Submitted by Linda Dreith, Recording Secretary.

2025 Membership Chair Lavinda Walpole

2025 (as of May 31, 2025) **Membership.....157**
Regular Members 93
Associate 64

Calendar of Events

Save The Date	
1st Monday	Galveston Republican Women Board Meeting
3rd Wednesday	Galveston Republican Women Meeting
1st Thursday	Tri-County Republican Women
1st & 3rd Thurs.	Galveston Island Pachyderm Club
1st Thursday	West Pearland Republican Women
1st Friday,	Clear Creek Republican Women
2nd Tuesday	Mid-County Republican Network
3rd Thursday	The Republican Network of Galveston County
4th Tuesday	Bay Area Republican Women

Republican Contacts:

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Galveston Island Pachyderms: www.galvestonpachyderms.org
Clear Creek Republican Women: www.clearcreekrw.org
Mid-County Republican Network: Facebook
Tri-County Republican Women: Facebook
West Pearland Republican Women: www.wprw.org
Galveston County Republican Party: www.galvestoncntygop.com
Greater Houston Council: www.ghcfrwpac.org
National Federation of Republican Women: www.nfrw.org
Republican National Committee: www.gop.com
Republican Network of Galveston County: Facebook
Republican Party of Texas: texasgop.org
Republican Hispanic Citizens in Action: Facebook
Republican National Hispanic Assembly: www.rnha.org
Texas Federation of Republican Women: www.tfrw.org
Teenage Republicans: teenagerepublicans.org
Texas Public Policy Foundation: www.texaspolicy.co
Young Republicans of Galveston County: Facebook

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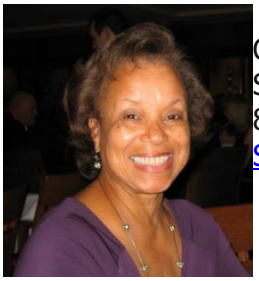

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GRW Mission Statement

Promote an informed public through political Education and Activity

Increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of Good Government.

Work for the election of Republican candidates to foster loyalty to the Republican Party and to promote its principles

GRW-PAC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION 2025

Dues for the 2025 Membership Year are payable NOW.

Please complete the membership information and return this form with your check payable to GRW-PAC to:

Tina Kirbie
908 Layfair Place
Friendswood, Texas 77546

(No business/corporate checks please)

Name _____ **Spouse**_____

Address_____

City and State _____ **Zip Code** _____ __

Contact Phone # _____**Senate District #**_____ __

Employer_____**Occupation**_____

E-mail _____**Newsletters are sent electronically.**

Select Type of Membership:

Regular Member ($45) _____

Associate Member ($20) _____

- **Women who are a member of another TFRW Organization**
  Please print name of Organization _____
- **Men who wish to be associated with GRW.**
- **Young women (Age 13 thru 17 years) designated Young Affiliates**

Referred By: _____

I am willing to help with the following committee(s):

_____Awards	_____Finance	_____Membership
_____Bylaws	_____Fund-Raising	_____Phone
_____Campaign Activities	_____Get Out the Vote	_____Program
_____Community Service	_____Legislative	_____Public Relations

_____**Other (please specify your interest)** _____

For GRW use only:

Cash/Check amount: _____ **Check #** _____ **Date:** _____

_____ **E-mail List**

_____ **TFRW Submission #**